

# STARS CONNECTIONS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR SD-STARS - FEBRUARY 2022



## TOP 10 MOST USED SD-STARS REPORTS

The top 10 list is a staple of sports, activities, and other areas. The SD-STARS team compiled a top 10 list of our most utilized reports for 2021. [Read more...](#)

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## NEW DATA IN SD-STARS

Reports are continually changing when new data are funneled into SD-STARS. New data can or soon will be available in some of the following report categories:

- **Assessment Reports**
- **Special Education Reports**
- **Enrollment Reports**
- **CTE Reports**
- **Accountability Reports**

[Read more...](#)

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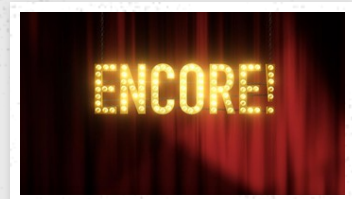


## UPDATED DATA INTERPRETATION GUIDES (DIGS)

The SD-STARS team has been busy making changes to Data Interpretation Guides, or DIGs. When there is a new report, or when reports change, the SD-STARS team creates or updates a DIG. DIGs are created to support the user when using the STARS report. [Read more...](#)

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## ENCORE PRESENTATION: PERKINS REPORT CARD PERMISSIONS



By popular demand, we are republishing an article from the December 2021 **STARS Connection** newsletter. This article covers how users can get access to the Perkins report card. [Read more...](#)

For more information about the Perkins-ARC or Improve22 webinars, contact [kim.roth@state.sd.us](mailto:kim.roth@state.sd.us). Need more information or have questions for SD-STARS? Please contact [STARSHelp@state.sd.us](mailto:STARSHelp@state.sd.us).



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## DEPARTMENT TO OFFER SUMMER DATA USE COURSES FOR EDUCATORS

Since 2013, the South Dakota Department of Education has offered data use courses for educators during the summer. This summer, we will offer the Fundamentals of Using Data for Educators. [Read more...](#)

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## POWER USER TRAININGS AVAILABLE

With the success of the pilot, the SD-STARS team will train Power Users in three locations across South Dakota this spring. Find out who makes a good candidate to be a Power User. [Read more...](#)



## MONTHLY SD-STARS WEBINARS



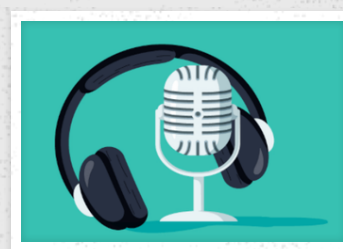
### FEBRUARY WEBINAR: GOT IDEAS?

Have you ever had an idea for a report or an enhancement that you wished SD-STARS had available for users? Click [here](#) for more information.



### MARCH WEBINAR: ATTENDANCE IMPACTS

Are you curious about attendance trends and whether attendance affects student performance? Click [here](#) for more information.



### RECORDING: INTRO TO REPORTS

On Jan. 18, 11 people attended the SD-STARS team's webinar focused on reporting and accompanied documentation about the reports, called Data Interpretation Guides (DIGs). Click [here](#) to find PowerPoint and recording.

## STATE OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

- Feb. 21 - Presidents' Day



# CYBERSECURITY NOTICE FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ED

Attention K-12 Leaders, Tech Directors, and School-Based IT Professionals

Please take time to familiarize yourselves with the “log4j/log4shell” vulnerability that may impact enterprise services, websites, and applications your district and schools are currently using. This vulnerability has been rated ***the highest level of criticality*** (10/10) in terms of how exploitable it is. Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and partners are working to address the critical remote code execution vulnerability (CVE-2021-44228) affecting Apache Log4j software library with a new webpage dedicated to the topic:

<https://www.cisa.gov/uscert/apache-log4j-vulnerability-guidance>. Refer to the CISA webpage for up-to-date information, including any available patches.

## FEDERAL RESOURCES REGARDING STUDENT DATA AND PRIVACY

The U.S. Department of Education has resources for districts about federal laws and best practices that affect students’ data and privacy. The below resources were created by the department’s Student Privacy Policy Office (SPPO) and its Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC). [Read more...](#)

## FLYERS FOR FERPA

The U.S. Department of Education Privacy Technical Assistance Center has created eight flyers for schools and education stakeholders to use to help share the message to protect student data. You can access all flyers in PDF form at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/flyers-ferpa>. This makes it easy for schools to print and hang them in high-traffic areas staff frequent, like the staff lounges and printer/copier areas.

This month we feature a flyer about FERPA.





# STARS CERTIFIED TRAINERS

STARS Certified Trainers are located throughout the state and are ready and willing to answer your questions. They are available to conduct SD-STARS trainings for your school or district to help educators make the most out of SD-STARS. They have been trained by department staff on the SD-STARS system and are kept up to date on system developments and new reports. Districts can contact SCTs directly to request training at a cost to the district.



## 2021-22 STARS Certified Trainers

Download this file to access the names and email addresses of all STARS Certified Trainers!



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